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Federal Communications Commission
Attn: Dana Shaffer, Chief, Policy Division
Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau
445 12th St SW
Washington DC 20554

Re: City of DeKalb, IL License Application (File #0003721801)

Dear Ms. Shaffer,

The City of DeKalb is currently applying for a STA to provide continuing public safety operations for the City of DeKalb and surrounding area.

The frequencies requested will be used on STARCOM21, the Illinois Statewide Project 25 compliant, 700/800 MHz, digital trunking system. The frequencies that the City of DeKalb is requesting will benefit not only the City of DeKalb, but any and all other users ranging from the many State of Illinois Agencies currently on the STARCOM21 system, to other local municipalities and Sheriffs department that may have, and have operated within the City of DeKalb and County of DeKalb. Currently only mobile radios function on the STARCOM21 System within the City and County of DeKalb. Portable radio coverage is **non-existent** within the City and County.

The need for an STA is in the best interest of public safety in the DeKalb area. There exists a "hole" in the coverage area that will be resolved by adding our tower site to the already established 800MHz STARCOM network in the State of Illinois. Bringing the tower site onto the network immediately with the STA will provide public safety operations with needed radio coverage to fulfill our mission.

Respectfully submitted;

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